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In re application of :
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WELDING METHOD AND
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: